

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in the above-identified case.

In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled Claims 1-28 without prejudice, and submit a new sole independent Claim 29. New Claim 29 includes subject matter limitations as found in canceled Claims 12, 13, 16, 18 and 20. Support for the limitations is found on pp. 21-22, 36-37 and 43-47 and Figs. 5, 6 and 8 of the originally filed specification.

The submission of new Claim 29 and claim cancellations are only for facilitating prosecution of this application and applicants are not conceding in this application that those canceled claims are not patentable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

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